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Today's Weather

There will be a gradual rise in temperature to around normal, with northwesterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Overnight, Daytime High. Locations include Amman, Agaba, Deserts, Jordan Valley.

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 17, Aqaba 27, Sunset tonight: 6:24 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 4:39 a.m.



sine carrying U.S. special envoy Philip Haskins him away from the Lebanese prime building is protected from snipers by the wall of sandbags at right. (AP wirephoto)

Habib, Khaddam meet; talks with Assad today

DAMASCUS, May 9 (Agencies) — In his bid to defuse the Syrian-Israeli missile crisis, Mr. Philip Habib, the special U.S. presidential envoy, had an initial 150-minute meeting here today with Syria's foreign minister while fresh Syrian-Lebanese fighting raged anew in Beirut.

Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Nasser Qaddour told newsmen Mr. Habib is to have more talks with Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam tomorrow before conferring with President Hafez Al Assad.

Mr. Habib said only, "Let me get on with my job" as newsmen crowded around him when he emerged from his meeting with Mr. Khaddam. Mr. Qaddour also refused to say anything more.

The U.S. envoy, who appeared jovial on arrival at the foreign ministry, appeared less so on departure as he elbowed his way through the crowd of newsmen to enter his car and drive to the U.S. embassy.

Syria's attitude toward Israeli threats of possible military action against the Soviet-made SAM-6 missiles deployed by it last week in eastern Lebanon was summed up in a commentary by the official Damascus Radio shortly before Mr. Habib met Mr. Khaddam.

The commentary said: "Syria does not fear any threat and will not retreat or bargain as it knows the source of its strength. Those in Washington and Tel Aviv are mistaken if they believe that by posing or making such threats to Syria that it will be diverted from its goal and abandon the cause of the Arab Nation."

"Syria has a firm stand from which it will never retreat... those who resort to adventurism through aggression will pay a very high price indeed," it added.

The Damascus meeting coincided with a new flareup of fighting in Beirut between Syrian troops and rightist Lebanese militias and units of the Lebanese army.

Associated Press photographer Bill Foley, trapped in the basement of a school in the southern Beirut suburbs of Hadassah. The Syrians were firing rockets, mortars and artillery into Hadassah and other neighbourhoods and rightist forces were returning the fire.

Mr. Foley said he could see at least four fires blazing in Hadassah. He said he saw a Lebanese army tank returning to the Syrian fire.

"I have no words for you, not even a joke," a smiling Habib told reporters at the Damascus Shooting Club, 25 kilometres north of the capital, where he was greeted by Mr. Qaddour.

There has been no sign of a breakthrough on the effort to defuse the crisis over the missiles, which Mr. Habib could see clearly from his limousine as it drove on the Beirut-Damascus highway through Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

Mr. Qaddour suggested that Mr. Habib, who met him during former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's 1973 shuttle diplomacy, might want to do some sightseeing before departing to Israel.

"Thank you, no sightseeing this time," replied Mr. Habib, who is accompanied by assistant U.S. Undersecretary of State Morris Draper. "We are here on serious business. I'll come back for sightseeing another time."

Beirut newspapers polled the rightist and leftist militia leaders and government leaders in Lebanon who met with Mr. Habib and said the American had two main goals during his tour:

Accused Syrian spy gets 25-year jail term in Egypt

CAIRO, May 9 (A.P.) — A state security court today sentenced a 52-year-old Egyptian vegetable seller to 25 years in prison at hard labour on charges of spying for Syria.

The court found Mr. Khalifa Al Tarabolsi guilty of "providing Syrian intelligence with information on the political and economic situation in Egypt in the light of the peace pact with Israel."

Mr. Tarabolsi was arrested last June shortly after returning from a trip to a Gulf state where "he made contact with Syrian intelligence officers," a court official said.

Van der Klaauw to brief EEC before flying to Israel today

VENLO, the Netherlands, May 9 (R) — European Economic Community foreign ministers today began a two-day informal meeting which EEC sources said was expected to concentrate on the Middle East, trade problems with Japan and the EEC budget.

Diplomatic sources said the ministers were expected to discuss the fighting in Lebanon and hear a report from Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph van der Klaauw on his talks in the Middle East about a possible EEC peace initiative in the area.

Mr. Van der Klaauw, who is host for the ministerial meeting at a hotel outside Venlo near the Dutch-German border, recently returned from Egypt and had talks earlier this week in Rome with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and senior Vatican officials about the Middle East.

Common Market leaders agreed in Venice last June to examine an independent European role in helping forward the Arab-Israeli peace process.

EEC sources said the idea was still at an exploratory stage and it had been made more complicated by the renewed outburst of fighting in Lebanon.

EEC foreign ministers joined other Western governments at a North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) ministerial meeting in Rome earlier this week in issuing a declaration calling for an end to the violence in Lebanon.

Mr. Van der Klaauw is scheduled to fly to Israel tomorrow, immediately after the end of his discussions with his EEC colleagues on the next leg of his Middle East tour.

In the next few weeks he plans also to visit Algeria, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates with the aim of producing a final report for EEC government leaders at their summit in Luxembourg next June 29-30.

Shamir hopes Israeli-German spat's over

TEL AVIV, May 9 (Agencies) — This week's row between Israel and West Germany, which developed after Prime Minister Menachem Begin sharply criticised Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, should now be regarded as closed, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said today.

Mr. Begin, angered by Mr. Schmidt's statement that his country had a moral commitment to the Palestinians, (see text of Mr. Schmidt's remarks on page 4) charged the chancellor with "unbridled greed and avarice" and said he remained faithful to Hitler until the end of World War II.

Interviewed on Israel Radio, Mr. Shamir said: "It was completely natural that the statement (by Mr. Schmidt) would draw reactions."

"The reaction led to counter-reaction, and we should see the incident closed with that. I see no point in carrying on the discussion without end."



Yitzhak Shamir



Helmut Schmidt

"I hope this exchange of severe remarks will result in something useful," he said. "Perhaps after this storm there will be better understanding both in West Germany and in all of Europe of the dangers inherent in the policies of the European states in the Middle East."

Mr. Schmidt, meanwhile, says he had been moved by the support given to him by all West German political parties.

"The unity shown in the German Bundestag (lower house) on this matter moved me," Mr. Schmidt said yesterday at a Social Democratic Party (SPD) election rally in West Berlin.

During a debate in the Bonn assembly yesterday speakers from all the major political parties attacked Mr. Begin's remarks as unfair and unjustified.

Queen Noor at festival



Her Majesty Queen Noor explores the Jordanian International Festival at the American Community School on Friday. The festival included food, music, displays and entertainment from Jordan and all around the world. Story and more pictures on page 3 (Photo by Marianne Pearson)

Hassan winds up Tunisian trip

May 9 (Petra) — His Highness Crown Prince and Princess Sarvath left for Paris at the end of a day visit to Tunisia.

His stay in the French capital was at the Sorbonne and the Institute for International Relations.

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Iran won't talk until war's over, Iran asks

TEHRAN, May 9 (R) — Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini has postponed a conference of ministers scheduled to begin next month until war with Iraq, Deputy Minister Mohammad Hashemi

enghtening bilateral ties and Arab and Islamic issues.

A joint press statement issued here at the conclusion of Prince Hassan's visit emphasised the importance of "pursuing efforts for strengthening Arab solidarity and unifying Arab ranks with the aim of confronting the Zionist enemy and supporting the steadfastness of the Palestinian people and their struggle under the leadership of the PLO for the restoration of their usurped rights, the establishment of an independent state, and the achievement of a total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories, including Arab Jerusalem."

The statement stressed the two sides' concern "for implementing the resolutions of the 11th Arab summit conference (held in Amman last November) with the purpose of enhancing economic cooperation among Arab states and achieving the Arab Development Decade decided on at that summit."

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In the statement, the two sides stressed their keenness on further promoting fraternal relations between Jordan and Tunisia.

To this end the two countries will increase their cooperation in the economic, social, commercial, agricultural, employment, cultural, scientific, tourist and manpower spheres.

They will exchange expertise in the chemical industries, phosphate mining and cement, and will also set up joint institutes for training staff in these fields. The two countries also will increase the exchange of visits by their officials.

In view of recurrent Israeli acts of aggression against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples, the two countries stressed the need for "extending all possible support to the Lebanese government in its confrontation with Zionist conspiracies." They appealed "to world conscience to put an end to Zionist policies which threaten peace and security in the Middle East."

after a summit in Taif, Saudi Arabia, in January. A delegation was appointed at the summit to mediate between Iraq and Iran, but after several missions the delegation has not

Gulf peace team delayed

NEW DELHI, May 9 (Agencies) — Lack of official word from Iran has delayed the departure of a Non-aligned peace mission, scheduled to depart for Tehran today, Indian External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao said.

Mr. Rao told reporters here that the four-man mediation group still was trying to contact Tehran about "the exact date and time" of their visit.

The mission, which was set up last February, also includes Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmerca, Zambian Foreign Minister Lameck Goma and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) representative Farouk Khaddour.

They last visited Baghdad and Tehran a month ago but failed to find a way to end the seven-month-old conflict. Iraqi forces have killed 64 Iranians and lost nine of their own men in fighting during the past 24 hours, the official Iraqi News Agency said tonight.

It quoted a military communique as saying the Iranian casualties included 31 killed in the Abadan area.

The Gulf conflict has made 1.8 million Iranians homeless, a senior Iranian government official says.

Deputy Interior Minister Mostafa Mirsalim said yesterday after touring refugee camps that most of the refugees came from Khuzestan, the main oil province and the scene of the Gulf war's heaviest fighting.

State television quoted Mr. Mirsalim as saying the government had allocated 60 billion rials (\$800 million) to relieve those who have lost their homes in the war.



Sheikh Saqr

and they felt they had not been given some of the fruits of its wealth. They pointed out that with inflation their salaries were being eaten up and that they were in fact worse off than they were 10 years ago.

The striking nationals were believed to be looking for raises of between 30 to 40 per cent, though it was not clear whether they were pressing for an across-the-board increase that would cover all workers in the government service.

More than 80 per cent of the UAE work force is in fact non-national, mainly Arab nationals from Palestine, Jordan and Egypt.

In the meantime, the ministry of information in Abu Dhabi has suspended two newspapers for five days for reporting the strike.

UAE strike dropped

ABU DHABI, May 9 (A.P.) — Arab Emirates nationals government service who work last week in the north returned to work giving the government to decide on their pay and

past week a number of schools, hospitals, depots and ministries closed. E nationals went on strike that the gov had included no pro-raise in civil service \$7 billion budget for the year.

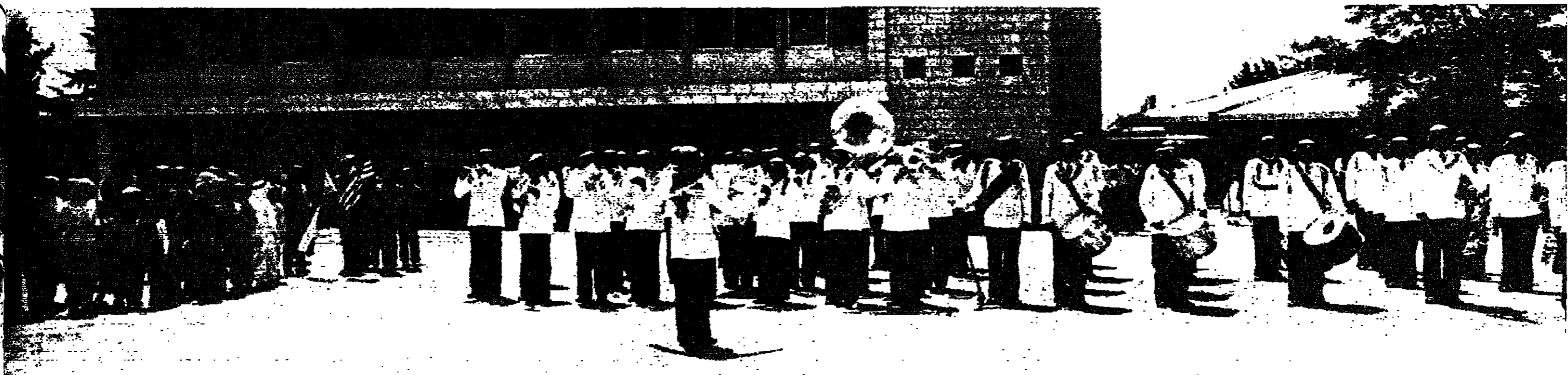
Members of the striking workers gathered on the weekend on the roof of Ras Al Khaimah, the poorest in the seven-emirate, to ask the Emir to intercede with the central government on their behalf.

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NATIONAL



International Jordanian Festival opens with the national anthems of Jordan and the U.S. played by the Jordan Army Band. Boy Scouts hold flags, while children in costumes of many lands watch from the left.

A colourful international day at the ACS

Text and photos by Marianne Pearson

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 9 — In opening remarks at the International Jordanian Festival held at the American Community School (ACS) yesterday, U.S. Charge d'Affaires David Zweifel said that he hoped the festival would be the beginning of a tradition.

ACS Librarian Vivian Daher, who chaired the occasion, echoed Mr. Zweifel's sentiment, saying the festival gave participants the opportunity to celebrate their nations' similarities and differences with others, and also to enjoy the host country. She thanked members of her committee: Mrs. Fiwz Wahab, Mrs. Jill Goddard, Mrs. Olga Dawani, Mrs. Nancy Habib, Mrs. Edie Balbeisi, Mrs. Joyce Qasem, Mrs. Afaf Finan, Mrs. Dee Hauser and Mrs. Marlyn Qubein.

The festival grew out of an annual dinner which featured dishes of many countries and was sponsored by the Home and School Association. Available on Friday were shawarmas and falafel; stuffed lamb was served in a bedouin tent; grilled chicken or hamburger with salad was also served. Available free of charge were desserts from the Sheraton Palace Hotel and the Hotel Training Institute. Dr. Pepper, Pepsis, and fruit

juice were given away in quantity.

A stone carver and strawloom worker demonstrated their crafts. Baskets and embroidered items were sold by students of UNRWA's Amman Training Centre, who also sold costume dolls, macrame and crochet work. Embroidery produced by the handicapped in Jordan was also sold. In a thrilling addition to the festival, the Royal Jordanian Falcons aerobatic team performed overhead.

ACS T-shirts were for sale. Sheraton Palace Hotel distributed free T-Shirts and other hotel souvenirs. The Holiday Inn had games for the children, a lollipop tree and a clown.

At noon, a programme began in the multipurpose room: choral groups from grades Four and Six performed, with puppets on an adjacent stage acting out some of the songs. Erik Harrell and Scott Rogers sang folk songs to Erik's guitar accompaniment.

A show of traditional dresses of Pakistan was performed to background music provided by a group of Pakistani musicians. Mrs. Therese Wegelius sang folk songs of Finland; Korean children sang, and ACS upper grade girls modelled Jordanian traditional dresses from the collection of Mrs. Widad Kawar.

Her Majesty Queen Noor arrived in the afternoon to see the final items on the programme--the gymnastics show under the direction of Mrs. Annemarie Habash and the *dabke* folk dancing, presented courtesy of Jordan Television.



A weaver of straw mats exchanges smiles with two young admirers (above), while Pakistani musicians accompany a display of national costumes from their country (below).

Children on the climbing bars get as close as possible to the Royal Jordanian Falcons (above); the Hotel Training Institute's booth offered arab coffee and pastries made by students in its own kitchens



The indefatigable 'dabke' dancers rehearsed and performed most of the afternoon.



Mrs. Therese Wegelius wears the national costume of Finland as she sings Finnish folk songs.



Students of Mrs. Anne Marie Habash present a gymnastics display



The booths at the festival featured the embroidery work of the handicapped.

For withdrawal of Saudi aid to Syrian force in Lebanon

Cairo magazine applauds Saudis

May 9 (A.P.) — Saudi withdrawal of financial support to Syrian military force in Lebanon...

"We bless Saudi move supported by Kuwait, the Gulf states and Iraq. It will increase the dimensions of the small peace patch in the Middle East..."



Anwar Sadat

Muslim factions which had in turn invited Israeli military involvement alleging protection of the Christians. It said the Saudi move reflected disapproval of the Syrian behaviour...

MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

Shah's son holidaying in Switzerland

CAIRO, May 9 (A.P.) — The son of the late shah of Iran is currently on holiday in Switzerland...

Sadat expected to have talks with Reagan in September

CAIRO, May 9 (A.P.) — Presidents Ronald Reagan and Anwar Sadat are expected to hold talks in the United States in September...

Reagan's election he said it would be embarrassing to land the incoming president with the Middle East problem so soon.

Exiled Palestinian mayors visit Abu 'Ein

CHICAGO, May 9 (R) — Two exiled Palestinian mayors from the Israeli-occupied West Bank have visited a jailed Palestinian facing extradition to Israel on terrorist charges...

Iran decides, but won't disclose, fate of seized ship

AN, May 9 (R) — Iran's Defence Council has said on the fate of an oil survey ship seized by the Iranian navy 10 days ago...

Texas and sailing under Panamanian and Kuwaiti flags, is on charter to the Kuwait National Oil Company. It was seized at the head of the Gulf after Iranian complaints...

Arab Americans: bridge between two worlds

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9 (Agencies) — Arab Americans have a unique role to play in developing in the United States a better understanding of the Arab World...

opening of the association's convention in this West Coast U.S. city, where his successor will be elected. Most of the first day of the convention -- May 7 -- was devoted to registration...

and strategic interests in the Middle East and American policy, particularly regarding the Palestine question and the continuing problems in Lebanon. Asked about the goals of the association Mr. Sams said...

more enlightened American public opinion... there's a great deal of misunderstanding. Mr. Sams said his organization's influence is not just through its involvement as an ethnic community...

bled it last year and hoping to double it again the coming year, so the association can communicate on a regular basis with the Reagan administration...

economic -- that is predicated on mutual interests and mutual respect... and the restoration of stability to the area. Mr. Sams said the United States and the Western World must play an active role in providing technical assistance...

Because of black market, fewer high-spending Arab visitors

Egypt loses out on tourism boom

Egypt enjoyed a near 18 per cent rise in the number of visiting tourists, but revenues are not climbing at anything like the rate...

Margaret Hughes is enjoying a rare boom in 1979. However, while the number of foreign visitors rose last year over 1978, the amount of money they spend is not keeping pace with this growth...

per cent. Cairo hostels themselves are running at an even higher, 81 per cent, level of occupancy. Revenues, to the extent that they can be measured, are not keeping pace with this growth...

ations with its neighbours. Arabs are the largest per capita spenders of all foreign visitors but are also well-established users of the currency black market itself. Although there are no statistics to quantify the amount being converted outside the banks and hotels...

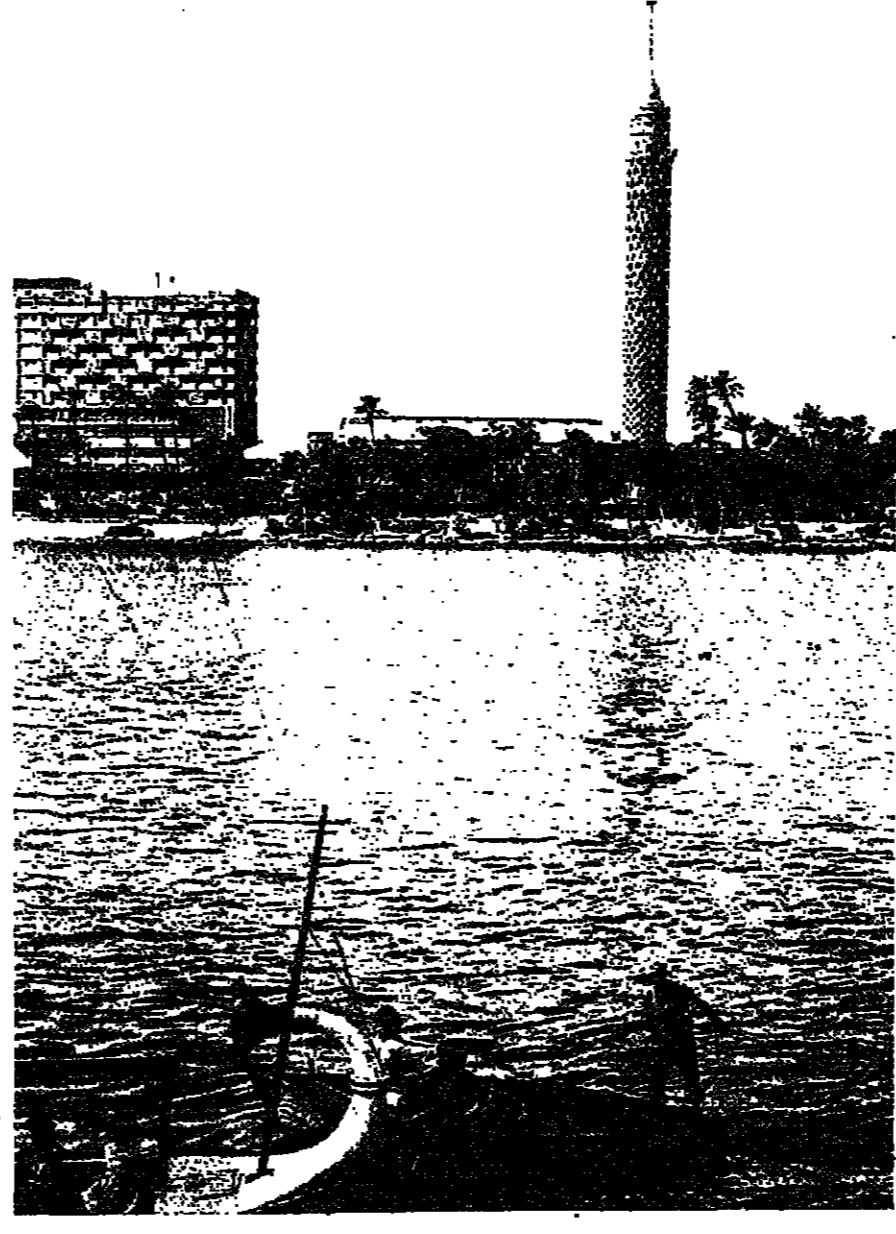
devaluation. Official foreign currency receipts from tourism go into the commercial bank pool where they are available to the tourist industry without having to go through the foreign exchange budget. The loss of money to the "street" market thus severely limits the amount available to the industry.

The levelling off last year can be attributed in part to the U.S. recession, but American tourists in Egypt may well have reached saturation point -- at least until facilities and services are expanded and improved and visitors no longer feel exploited by poor service...

are said to be the highest in the world. Despite the present hotel building boom Mr. El Nazer does not expect supply and demand to be in reasonable balance until 1985. By then he anticipates the number of tourists coming to Egypt will have passed the 4 million mark...



Visitors have quite varied requirements and expectations. Clockwise from left: the great Sphinx, a woman peddling fowl, the 180-metre Cairo Tower, and the Al Burg Hotel; Najwa Fuad, one of the best Arab belly-dancers



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ECONOMY

IMF chief urges U.S. to help poor nations

WASHINGTON, May 9 (A.P.) — Jacques de Larosiere, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, called on the United States yesterday to take the lead in a "significant growth" of official aid to poor countries.

He said the aid should be given especially through international bodies—like his own institution.

The administration of President Ronald Reagan has made clear its intention, on the contrary, to reduce official aid and to give it more directly to other countries where governments support its policies.

Mr. de Larosiere's speech was prepared for delivery to the Commonwealth Club of California in San Francisco. A copy was made available in Washington, the IMF headquarters.

"I deeply hope," he said, "that the United States, which played such a crucial role in this field in the past, will be able to show the lead in international development assistance, especially as regards the multilateral institutions."

Mr. de Larosiere, a Frenchman, is the operating head of the IMF, which has 141 members. In the past, the U.S. has been the source of much of the money available for loans, but Thursday Saudi Arabia signed an agreement to make up to \$9.52 billion available to the IMF over the next two years, with no participation by the United States.

Mr. de Larosiere said the IMF will need \$7.14 billion to \$8.33 billion a year over the next three years.

His figures made it clear that the IMF is looking for another billion or two a year, which no clear idea of where it will come from.

Some governments have favoured international bodies such as the IMF and the World Bank in furnishing aid because contributions from many countries and the lessening of political pressure from any one of them make international aid more flexible.

Mr. Larosiere singled out the main economic problem in the world as "stagflation"—the existence of high rates of inflation and unemployment at the same time. He said that to counter inflation, there has to be a slow-down in the growth of demand for goods. In addition, he said, "supply-side policies" will be necessary to increase amounts invested in new plants and machinery and to improve efficiency.

"Supply-side policies can and should play an important role," he said. "The question is whether they will be introduced on a wide enough scale, and whether their effects will be sufficiently great or quick-acting to have a marked impact on stagflation in the industrial world within the next two or three years."

A shining example of energy saving



HANOVER (DaD) — This ring shaped luminous lamp-wittily referred to as the disappearing halo—does look a bit bizarre, doesn't it? Thanks to an electronic pre-switching device, however, this Circolux R-presented at the recent Hanover Fair - only uses 25 watts but gives off the same light as a 75 watt bulb. This is a saving of two thirds electricity and no loss of light. Circolux burns for 6,000 hours - six times the life expectancy of the ordinary light bulb and it costs DM30.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Cadillac goes small

MILFORD, Michigan, May 9 (A.P.) — Feeling the pressure from fuel-efficient luxury import cars, General Motors Corp.'s Cadillac division launched its entry into the small car market yesterday with a preview of the Cimarron, the smallest Cadillac since 1915.

The Cimarron is Cadillac's version of GM's much publicized car and with a mileage rating of 25 miles (40 km) per gallon in the city and 42 MPG (68 kpg) on the highway—depending on transmission—The four-door sedan is aimed directly at such European luxury imports as Audi, BMW, Saab and Volvo. It also is expected to compete with Japanese imports like Toyota Cressida.

Edward Kennard, a GM vice president and general manager of Cadillac, said the Cimarron is intended to attract young, affluent customers by emphasising luxurious features in a small, fuel-efficient car.

"We wanted a European road car, not a miniature Brougham or Seville," Mr. Kennard said. "Still, we wanted it to have four doors and seat four passengers. We wanted a functional car, and we didn't think that mandated a traditional Cadillac appearance."

India to assist Afghanistan in water resources programme

NEW DELHI, May 9 (A.P.) — The Indian government announced that it will assist Afghanistan in developing its water resources.

An official statement said that an Indian government consulting firm recently signed a contract with the Helmand Construction Corp. in Afghanistan to provide technical services for various projects.

The two-year contract was signed recently in the Afghan capital of Kabul and is worth about \$500,000.

The Indian firm will assign consultants to the projects and train Afghan personnel, the statement said.

The statement also identified a number of irrigation and power projects in the central Asian country which are being set up with

Indian help. These include Samla dam, the Khambad irrigation and drainage project and the Kajakai hydro-electric power project.

Kuwait lends \$53 million to Bangladesh, Cameroun

KUWAIT, May 9 (A.P.) — The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) today loaned Bangladesh and the Cameroun a total of \$53 million to help finance development projects, the fund reported.

Bangladesh got \$30.2 million to finance an electrification project. The loan, carrying a 1.5 per cent interest rate, was to be repaid over 32 years, with a seven-year grace period.

Cameroun's loan was \$22.8 million to be used in financing highway projects. It carries a four per cent interest rate, to be paid over 20 years after a five-year period of grace. KFAED added.

Textile states resume talks in July

GENEVA, May 9 (A.P.) — After a second round of general and preliminary statements on what to do about their trade treaty expiring this year, textile importing and exporting states yesterday decided to start negotiations at the end of July.

The 30 members of the Multifibre Arrangement, as the treaty is called, resolved after two days of talks to meet again for at least one week starting July 30 to consider "proposals regarding the extension, modification or discontinuance of the protocol extending" the 1973 MFA.

A conference official explained to reporters the "point of this is to get the discussions focused on something concrete." Preliminary statements mirrored known views of the industrial states who favour extending the treaty unchanged while the developing textile exporting countries would like to remove or at least change a key passage of the protocol.

Adopted in 1977 largely on pressure from the European community, the passage admits "jointly agreed reasonable departures" from provisions of the MFA which guaranteed, in its original form, that exports of textiles and clothing from developing countries will rise every year.

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By Jean-Marc Fleury

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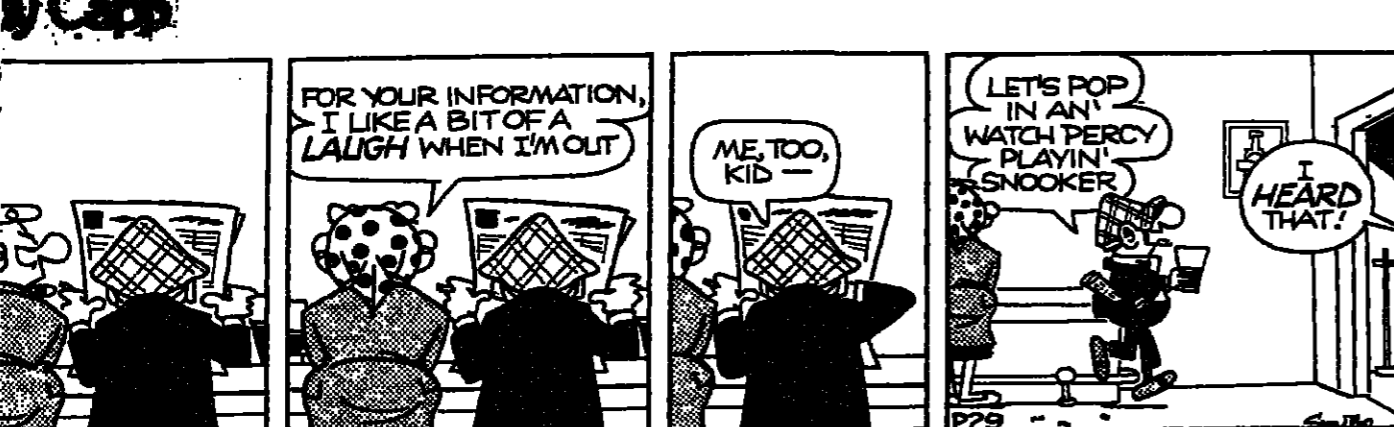
beer, or are cut into chips and dried to be preserved in case of famine. In Cameroon, every inhabitant consumes an average of 150 kilograms of plantains per year, and they are often eaten more than once a day.

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